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1. SUMMARY. PRESS REPORTS VISIT TO FINANCE & PLAN MINISTER
RAKOTOVAO-RAZAKABOANA JAN 18 BY PRC CHARGE CHIN MIN SHENG.
SHENG AND MINISTER TALKED FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND REPORTED-
LY THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS PRC ASSISTANCE
TO MADAGASCAR. UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS WERE ALLUDED TO. END
SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, ASIDE FROM FORMALITIES, SHENG
AND RAKOTOVAO-RAZAKABOANA REVIEWED THE STATE OF SEVERAL
PRC PROJECTS WHICH PROVIDES A USEFUL UPDATE OF INFORMATION
IN REF A.

3. TWO TEAMS OF CHINESE DOCTORS AT TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS
AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT FACTORY IN TULEAR ARE BOTH
REPORTED TO BE FUNCTIONING. (NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST
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INFORMATION WE HAVE HAD THAT TULEAR PROJECT IS IN
OPERATION.) MORAMANGA-TAMATAVE ROAD PROJECT
(SEE REFS B & C) WILL SOON ENTER INTO THE CONSTRUC-
TION PHASE SINCE THE SURVEYING WORK IS COMPLETED.
PLANS FOR SUGAR MILL AT MORONDAVA ARE BEING MADE.
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL STATION AT LANIERA, OUT-
SIDE ANTANANARIVO, IS SATISFACTORY. THE MATCH PRO-

JECT AT MORAMANGA AND BAMBOO FABRICATION PROJECT
AT ANTANANARIVO ARE ALSO SATISFACTORY. THE FEASIBI-
LITY STUDY FOR SMALL HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANTS HAS
ALREADY GIVEN GOOD RESULTS AT LAKE ITASY AND THE
ONE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS AT
ANTANANARIVO IS AN ADVANCED STAGE.

4. PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ABOVE - QUOTE - DOES
NOT SIGNIFY THAT THERE ARE NOT PROBLEMS - END
QUOTE, AND THAT SHENG AND MINISTER EXAMINED THESE
PROBLEMS WITH BROTHERLY CRITICISM AND TOGETHER
SOUGHT THE BEST WAY TO COMPLETE THE COOPERATION
BETWEEN MADAGASCAR AND THE PRC AND TO BETTER
APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES OF THE CHINESE TECHNI-
CIANS AND EXPERTS. SMITH

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